

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a plurality of gate lines arranged in a first direction;

a plurality of data lines arranged in a second direction to cross the plurality of gate lines, at least one pixel area being defined between one of the gate lines and an adjacent one of the gate lines and between one of the data lines and an adjacent one of the data lines;

a pixel electrode disposed in the pixel area;

a thin film transistor at an intersection between the one of the gate lines and the one of the data lines, the thin film transistor including a drain electrode of a first metal thin film connected to the pixel electrode;

a second metal thin film over the adjacent one of the gate lines and overlapping the pixel electrode to define a storage capacitor, the second metal thin film extended into the pixel area with a width in the first direction less than a separation between the one of the data lines and the adjacent one of the data lines so that the second metal thin film is separated with respect to the first direction from the one of the data lines and the adjacent one of the data lines;

a black matrix disposed completely covering the plurality of gate lines and the plurality of data lines;

a first light-shielding member extended from the black matrix into the pixel area to completely cover the thin film transistor; and

a second light shielding member extended from the black matrix into the pixel area to completely cover the second metal thin film, the second light shielding member having a width in the first direction greater than that of the second metal thin film but less than a separation between the one of the data lines and the adjacent one of the data lines so that the second light shielding member is separated with respect to the first direction from the one of the data lines and the adjacent one of the data lines,

wherein the first and second light shielding members each extend into the pixel area to provide a margin sufficient to block light incident on the first and second metal films.